AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1. (Original) An escalator step including a tread and a riser, the riser extending downward from a rear edge of the step, the riser including a toothed surface made of cleats with one or more grooves formed in the longitudinal direction on the surface of each of the cleats.
- 2. (Currently Amended) An escalator step including a tread and a riser, the riser extending downward from a rear edge of the step and the tread extending a tread length from the rear edge of the step, the step including a non-slip surface of a fixed length and a prescribed width mounted to the rear edge of the step, the prescribed width extending in a same direction as the tread length and the prescribed width is less than the tread length of the tread.
- 3. (Currently Amended) An escalator step according to Claim 2, wherein the tread is formed of cleats and the non-slip surface is comprised of a synthetic resin body of a fixed-length and approximately the same width as a prescribed demarcation width to be applied at the periphery of the step and is formed with cleats conforming to the step tread.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The escalator step according to Claim 2 or 3, further including a serrated irregular part formed on the top surface of the cleats of the non-slip surface.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The escalator step according to Claims 2-or-3, wherein the height of the cleats of the non-slip surface are formed to be higher than the tread.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The escalator step according to Claims 2 or 3, wherein the step includes a cleat cutout part and the non-slip surfacerear edge is fastened to a reinforcing plate which is fixed within a-the cleat cutout part of the step.
- 7. (New) An escalator step according to Claim 2, wherein the non-slip surface is comprised of a synthetic resin body.
- 8. (New) An escalator step according to Claim 2, wherein step includes a demarcation width applied at a periphery of the step, the prescribed width is the same as the demarcation width.
- 9. (New) An escalator step according to Claim 2, wherein the non-slip surface is detachably mounted as the rear edge of the step.

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